



## **JEA - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGES**

Every child who is six years old on or before August 1 and is under the age of 17 years is required to attend public school, with such exceptions as provided by law. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure attendance. For the purpose of this policy, "parent" is defined in Colorado law as the mother or father of a child or any other person having custody of a child.

As authorized by law, the parent of a child who began attending preschool or kindergarten at five or six years of age may notify the child's school of the parent's wish that the child not advance to first grade in the following school year. A school that receives such notice will honor the request and retain the child in their current grade level for the following school year. The school may request a meeting with the student's parents to discuss the benefits and harms of retention.

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### **Cross References:**

JH - Student Attendance/Truancy

### **Legal References:**

C.R.S. 22-33-104 (compulsory school attendance ages)